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NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

## Gov. Reynolds Announces COVID-19 Arts & Cultural Recovery Program



Gov. Kim Reynolds has allocated \$7 million of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs to **provide economic relief** to Iowa's arts, history and culture sector. The funding will be administered through the Iowa Arts & Cultural Recovery Program by the State Historical Society of Iowa and the Iowa Arts Council, divisions of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Nonprofit arts, history and cultural organizations, for-profit music venues, performing arts centers at colleges and universities, and individual artists whose normal operations have been interrupted due to the pandemic may apply for relief grants until Dec. 11, 2020.

Register to attend a webinar for more information. The Iowa Arts Council will host two audience-based webinars for applicants this **Friday, Dec. 4.**

- 10-11 a.m. for Organizations and Music Venues: [\*\*Register for the webinar.\*\*](#)
- 2-3 p.m. for Individual Artists: [\*\*Register for the webinar.\*\*](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinars.

### APPLICATION GUIDELINES

## Iowa Stories: Frank Lloyd Wright

Celebrated author and journalist Paul Hendrickson will discuss the architect Frank Lloyd Wright's ties to Iowa during a free Iowa Stories presentation online at noon Thursday, Dec. 3. The Washington Post feature writer and six-time Pulitzer Prize nominee's latest biography, **"Plagued by Fire: The Dreams and Furies of Frank Lloyd Wright,"** draws on materials from the State Historical Society of Iowa's collection in Iowa City, including a memoir by Wright's half-sister and musical compositions by his father who lived for a time in eastern Iowa.



[REGISTER FOR THE EVENT](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT WRIGHT'S FAMILY](#)



*Pictured: Holiday shoppers in downtown Des Moines in 1937.*

## Iowa History 101: Winter Holidays

Light some candles, ring some bells, bake some cookies – and tune in next Thursday, Dec. 10, to learn more about Iowa's colorful history of winter holidays. State Curator Leo Landis will discuss a few of the many Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa traditions that have brightened up Iowa winters over the years.

[READ ABOUT IOWA'S FIRST BLACK FRIDAYS](#)

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## Celebrate Iowa Gala

Join us Friday, Dec. 11, for the Celebrate Iowa Gala, an online showcase of Iowa art, history, film and culture that benefits the State Historical Society of Iowa's exhibits and educational programs. This year's online program includes virtual visits at the recently reopened historic Warrior Hotel in Sioux City, the American Gothic House in



Eldon, the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake and several culinary landmarks, including Maytag Dairy Farms in Newton and Piper's Grocery & Homemade Candies (pictured) on the Chariton square.

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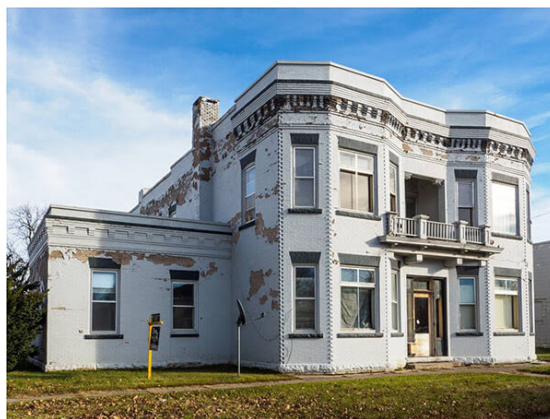
## Goldie's History Kits

While other birds fly south for the winter, Goldie the Goldfinch is sticking around to offer an array of new online materials for students and teachers. Check out the newest batch of Goldie's History Kits, which align with the Iowa Core Social Studies Standards and highlight artifacts from the State Historical Society of Iowa's collection.

- **Kindergarten:** "Children's Lives: Comparing Long Ago to Today," featuring children's clothing and a doll carriage (pictured)
- **First Grade:** "Meskwaki Culture," featuring a cradleboard and a medicine bag
- **Fourth Grade:** "The Great Depression and Dust Bowl," featuring a seed catalog and a flour-sack apron

## Most Endangered Properties

The nonprofit group Preservation Iowa is calling for nominations for its annual statewide list of Most Endangered Properties. So if you know of a historic building, site or structure that is at risk, consider nominating it to the list, which has included more than 200 properties – and helped save many of them – since its creation in 1995. Nominations are due Dec. 7.



*Pictured: The White House Bathing Palace in Le Mars.*

[NOMINATE A PROPERTY](#)

## Rural Revitalization Grants



*Pictured: The Hitchcock House, a stop on the Underground Railroad, in Lewis.*

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The State Historic Preservation Office is now accepting applications for the newly named Iowa's Rural Heritage Revitalization Grants program. Earlier this fall, SHPO received \$600,000 to redistribute in historic preservation grants, funded by a \$4.8 million grant from the National Park Service's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program. Iowa's local governments and nonprofits that own properties on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible to apply for grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$125,000. Apply by Feb. 1.

## Programs & Events

Through Dec. 21: **Featured Tour: Veteran Remembrances**

Through Dec. 31: **Featured Tour: 20 Artists, 20 Parks**

Dec. 3: **Iowa Stories: Frank Lloyd Wright**

Dec. 5: **History Mystery: Live from the Museum Vault**

Dec. 10: **Iowa History 101: Winter Holidays**

Dec. 11: **Celebrate Iowa Gala**

Dec. 28: **Winter Break: History Mystery**

## Job Openings

Dec. 6: **Office Manager, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs**

Dec. 20: **Program Manager, Iowa Arts Council**

Please check our online calendar for more events and opportunities across the state.

## VISIT OUR CALENDAR

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